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FROM ORAN.

Miss Minnie Spradling has a select school in Oran.

Wheat, coal oil and beef have taken a jump in price.

Miss Allie Norman is now stopping with Mrs. John Ashley.

The S. E. Mo. Medical Association meets in Charleston on May 7th.

George White, of Benton, was here Tuesday to attend a lawsuit.

Mrs. Tod Githens and Miss Lora Forester visited Hamburg, Tuesday.

"Haz" Moss taught some of our people how to trade horses this week.

Misses Estelle Querry and Mollie Beattie came up from Blodgett Monday.

The prospect for large yield of wheat was never better here than now.

George Parker and Bert Ringo went to Cape Girardeau Monday on business.

Mrs. L. M. Vandervoort, of the Cape, visited her husband (the Dr.) since our last letter.

Rev. Boyer, secretary of the Baptist state board of missions, preached here Monday night.

Judge Bowman's youngest son has a very dangerous case of tonsillitis. It resembles diphtheria.

Oran was almost deserted Tuesday on account of some very important cases on trial at Benton.

Victory Ruling No. 512 of the Fraternal Mystic Circle, of Oran, collapsed last Friday night.

Miller vs. Ringo and Metz vs. Zundell, were the style of two suits before Squire Nutt, this week.

Zona Arterberry who formerly lived with your scribe now has a home with Mr. Roth, the Capedrummer.

Robt. Wright's dwelling is complete with the exception of canvass and papering, which is in progress today.

Two female peddlers were ordered by Marshal Spradling to obtain license or leave the town, Monday. They left.

Prof. Geo. Carlisle has secured the Caney school for the next term. This will be the third year there for the professor.

Dr. Lynch of Charleston was here last week to consult with Dr. C. C. Harris, but for some reason Dr. H. was not present.

Dr. A. Wise man will quickly seize an opportunity like this—buy a bottle of Sackman's Liver Tonic for chills and fever.

Mrs. Pete Dirnberger presented Father Koob with a basket full of good things to eat, Tuesday. The clergy never get left.

The Oran bakery has been doing a land office business the past two weeks supplying the different boarding houses at Benton with bread.

We were in the Newsboy office a few minutes Saturday evening, for the first time, and found it all and more than the editor claims for it.

Five Cigars, Six Lemons for a dime, 21 pounds of good sugar for \$1.00, and a nice assortment of temperance drinks at Parker & Sons' Oran, Mo.

Lou Rodney says he bought a \$4.00 undershirt one time and after it was washed it was not large enough for Frankie Hughes. Lou weighs 235 pounds and Frankie weighs about 65 pounds.

Two invalid Oran ladies walked a mile and a half up the railroad last week, visiting, and trudged a baby carriage and baby the whole distance both going and coming. We are not going to tell who they are.

Rev. James L. Howie preached to a large congregation at the Baptist church Thursday night of last week. He baptised eleven candidates at Morley Sunday evening and quite a crowd from here were in attendance.

Dr. Richmond says that he is so industrious that no company will insure his life. They fear he will kill himself at work. He further says that Judge Hale is so religious that he won't work any day in the week for fear of breaking the Sabbath.

We were in at Joseph Geisner's butcher shop Monday and priced his lard, which was of a superior quality. He only asked 8¢ cents, while other merchants were selling at 10 cents. It will not take a very wise man to see who will get the trade, if our German friends, who are now settling in Oran in large numbers, do as much in proportion for us as Mr. Geisner has in the price of lard.

Judge Joe Hess has in his neat and well furnished parlor an oil painting executed by Miss Artie Garshwiler, of Franklin, Indiana. It is a landscape picture, showing two young ladies standing on the bank of a small stream. They are shouting to bring over a boat. The scene is in the Old Country, and is quite beautiful. It was sent to the Judge as a birthday present by his brother, Frank, who resides at Indianapolis, Ind.

FROM BLODGETT.

R. J. Watkins visited Oran the first of the week on a business trip.

Truth, besides being stranger than fiction, has another feature—it's a damp sight scarier.

Mrs. Fannie Stubblefield, of Benton, visited Mrs. Mollie Adams last Sunday and Monday.

A great many poor souls are made happy when the picture artist man comes around. Hey?

Miss Mollie Beattie, of Commerce, visited the families of C. G. Halsted, A. L. Crafton and Jas. Stowe in and near Blodgett last Saturday and Sunday.

The M. E. Sunday school will hold its picnic on the first day of May, and all interested are invited to be present and see how well we can do here in the way of refreshments.

A couple of the boys here were taking one before supper. Said one, "what's that in the bottom of my glass, Dregs." "No that's sediment." "Sediment? Oh, well; that's what I see I ment."

Miss Estelle Querry left for her home in Oran last Monday, and there are signs of prodigious going up all around. Her many friends trust that she may visit here again in the saccharine subsequently.

Judge Evans and his famous reverend are the subjects of conversation at present, and fabulous are the sums named by some of the parties to the confab. But they don't pull Jim's patent in for a song, anyway.

"Once there was and old woman," but somebody tried to tell that same story last Monday night about 8:30 and forgot the run of it. Think again, and may be fortune will smile and you may have the flower next time, sweet child.

A letter received from C. E. Bolch, late railroad agent here, says that the O. S. and D. report still has a great interest for him. He is now agent at Middlebrook on the main line, and his salary is \$65 per month. Good for Charley!

A big entertainment at the Hotel de W. B. Congleton attracted the socially inclined portion of our town last Saturday night, and they sang themselves hoarse, and laughed till they cried, and somebody danced the bear dance and the fun was over for that time.

J. H. Stubbs is the owner of a cross-eyed hen that about four weeks ago ate a lot of sawdust by mistake for corn meal, then went and hid her nest, laid a lot of wooden doorknobs and drawer pulls and hatched out a sofa, a what-not, a rocking chair and a boomerang. She will be on exhibition in the near future!!!!

The wandering banjoist, Mr. Williams, who has lately been so prominent in Oran, Morley and Benton, struck Blodgett Friday. His music pleased the gang so well that they kept him over Sunday. As a banjo player he is a phenomenon surely, and he sprang a chestnut in the way of a song during his stay. He left Monday for El Paso, Tex.

It was our privilege to run up against the latest agony in the shape of a "Fortune Party" at Mrs. J. D. Peal's last Tuesday night. The entertainment consists principally of inveigling the modest and bashful young man into having his past, present and future revealed, and if he is unlucky enough to hear it read that he is to be a bachelor he is condemned to see his heart's idol taken away from him for the time, and escorted home by some more fortunate wight. Great in the "Fortune Party."

The article here is not a very handsome beast but he is being planted extensively in this vicinity. C. C. Halsted and Dr. J. S. Sparks in adjoining fields have distributed fifteen bushels, and about July or August the people in Tywappity township, and Richmond, too, will bring suit for an assault of artichokes beginning at Blodgett and thence encircling the globe. The artichoke is a stepson of the potato and the sea crab, and can speak distinctly the United States language.

The Mother Hubbard must go, and if the old gal don't step in pretty soon and redeem her old clothes and put them on the retired list there is going to be a gale. Turn 'em out! As a baloon it is a howling success, but as a garment it is a reproach to the *fin de siècle* woman. It is a good deal like a coffee sack fastened at the throat with a hat pin and trimmed with Lancaster sauce with a monogram. Gladly would the poet yield up his eighty-five cent to see the M. H. vanishing down the corridors of *tempest fugit*.

Mr. J. Stobaugh was attending court in Benton last week and in the rounds lost his dog. E. C. Myers and W. J. Rodgers were there Monday and incidentally said there was \$10 in it for the man who returned the dog. The dog happened to be loafing around the livery stable in Benton that day, and some of the enterprising gentlemen there concluded to "see" that tenner, so they handcuffed the dog and brought him down

to Blodgett, and not finding the owner, repaired to his home three miles below town. Mr. Stobaugh admitted the soft impeachment but entered a counter, charge of \$10 "for use of the dog." After some words the canine was handed over and having wished it would rain real hard on Mr. Stobaugh, they went home. And it's one more on the boys from Benton. RAYWESTON.

FROM NEW HAMBURG.

Ed. Millet was here from Oran, Monday.

Frank Bies took in the Oran city Thursday.

Mrs. Wylie was in our town Monday, shopping.

Jos. Geisner and Rudolph Scholz were here Tuesday.

Crit. Burton returned last Thursday from St. Louis.

Dr. Butler of Benton gave Hamburg a call Wednesday.

Lewis Hahn took a business trip to Manning's Landing, Tuesday.

Father Koob, of Oran, visited Father Scherer the forepart of the week.

Leo Grojan visited the Cape Friday and reports things flush there.

Peter Bollinger constructed the bridge across Caney Creek north of Hamburg.

Dr. Geo. Scholz went to Oran on business connected with his profession, Tuesday.

Dan Schallach has the contract to supply the Hamburg people with fresh meat this summer.

J. J. Ourth, son of Uncle John Ourth, moved here Monday from the former Mormon city of Nauvoo, Ills.

W. C. Halle, of Farmington, after a short visit to H. Gaines, at this place, departed for St. Genevieve Tuesday.

H. Gaines received the appointment as postmaster at this place, and will soon be installed as Uncle Sam's servant.

Simon Reiminger has erected stables and sheds on his stock farm. Simon believes in good warm sheltering for the cattle.

Our town was treated to a free, open air concert Tuesday evening by the Liederkranz. The boys are doing remarkably well for the short time they have been practicing. Good luck to their success.

Nuptial ties have been knotted here since our last as follows: Monday, O. C. Burton and Miss Sophia Spalding; Tuesday, Lawrence Strack and Katie Glasser; Thursday, Philip Westrich and Maggie Taylor. Father Scherer officiated. Who is next?

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FROM COMMERCE.

Misses Jane Sewell and Mattie Seaford visited Cape Girardeau this week.

Miss Eva Arnold was the guest of Miss Fannie Anderson the past few days.

L. A. Reynolds has opened up a family grocery. Business must be improving.

Wm. Hutton is limping around from the effects of cutting his foot with a hatchet.

J. H. Crowder went to St. Louis on the Idlewild to join Mrs. Crowder who is visiting there.

Work on A. N. Ireland's house is being rapidly pushed forward by our carpenters Ward & Son.

The Mary Morton and the Idlewild both arrived on time Tuesday. The Morton still seems to be the favorite.

Miss Florence Danforth and Mr. Glover, both of Charleston, spent Sunday with Miss Fannie Anderson.

Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Anderson and family left Wednesday for Sikeston to visit their daughter, Mrs. Dr. Kendall.

Joe Ellis, Wade Anderson and their company took in the dance at Benton Monday night and report a high old time.

Tillman Anderson was in St. Louis last week and saw the Chicago's hammer and the Browns and also saw Simmons beat Dr. Rice.

Mrs. L. P. Clymer is still in St. Louis, where she was called to the bedside of her sister, Mrs. Wm. Bell, who is reported better.

Miss Hattie Ellis, Mrs. Emory, Mrs. DeWint and daughters were among the passengers on the Mary Morton for St. Louis Tuesday.

N. F. Anderson has just returned from St. Louis and brought with him the prettiest assortment of spring and summer neckwear ever shown in the town.

Miss Teva Folsenwidder returned Saturday from a two week's visit in St. Louis. She went to the city to attend the Davis-Folsenwidder wedding and visited friends afterward.

Why don't more people take advantage of the cheap rates to St. Louis. It is now only three dollars for a round trip, meals and berth included and the boats set an excellent

table. It's cheaper than staying at home.

The Commerce base ball club has not yet organized, but the last two Saturdays has seen two hotly contested games between picked nines.

The score of the first game was 13 to 12 and the last game 9 to 6. The players show up well for so early in the season. Commerce is ready and willing to meet anything in South-east Missouri.

FROM KELSEO.

G. G. Wright is on the sick list this week.

Mr. Hall, of Omaha, Neb., was in our town Friday last.

Rev. F. Klein and mother visited Cape Girardeau Monday.

J. T. Harris, of Bleda, visited friends here last Monday.

Mr. Hobbs, of Oran, was seen on our streets last Saturday.

John Thomas, of Cape Girardeau, was in our town Sunday last.

Mr. Randol, our barber, visited Oran Wednesday last week.

Miss Jennie Clemson, of Oran, is visiting relatives here this week.

Mrs. D. Scherer, living about four miles south of here, is very sick with bronchitis.

Mrs. Schoen, who lives about four miles west of here is reported very sick at this writing.

Mr. Bolm, who is traveling for the Shapovaloff Hardware Co., was in our town Tuesday last.

J. W. Clenson and wife visited the family of Dr. P. R. Williams here Thursday and Friday last.

Prof. Winkelman, of New Hamburg, passed through our town Saturday on his way to the Cape.

Ras. Githens, of Oran, was in our town last Tuesday. SCHOOLBOY.

Circuit Court Adjourned.

Monday Judge Riley rendered his opinion on the motion to dismiss the appeal in the case of Scott county against ex-Circuit Clerk John M. Leftwich. Assisted in our last issue, the attorneys for the county held that there was no appeal from the order of the county court; that the order was simply in compliance with the law; that the order was not a judgment; that the county court had acted only as the financial agents of the people and demanded what was due them; that the law provided for no process by which such order could be enforced; and that, therefore, the county court had acted in a ministerial, and not in a judicial capacity, and that there could be no appeal.

On the other hand the defense held that the Statute provides that the county court may examine witnesses and therefore held that they acted in a judicial capacity. Judge Riley took the latter view of the matter, held that an appeal was permissible, and that the case should be proceeded with on its merits. Here the defense suddenly presented a change of front and asked that the case be dismissed on the grounds (1) that the county court had no jurisdiction after Mr. Leftwich had retired from office, and (2) that no notice had been served on defendant. Mr. Arnold somewhat surprised his hearers when, in his argument, he admitted that the order of the old county court, releasing Mr. Leftwich from any further liability, wasn't worth the paper it was written on.

Messrs. Limbaugh and Elliott, attorneys for the county, held (1) that the present court at its first term, took the matter up and had a perfect right to demand any amount to be paid into the county treasury that they might find to be in the hands of any ex-official, and (2) that when one takes an appeal he acknowledges service.

Judge Riley has taken the matter under advisement until the next term of court, and so the matter rests. Mr. DeReign is not connected with the case, as stated in our last.

The jury in the case of Joe Crandall vs. A. J. Matthews, personal damages, was selected Monday and the trial begun. Tuesday morning one of the jurors, Joe Jenkins, failed to appear on account of the serious illness of his wife. The defense expressed a desire to try the case with eleven jurors, but the plaintiff objected and the case was continued until Wednesday morning, at which time the juror was yet unable to be present and the case was continued until next term.

The case of Ed Warren against John N. Harbison, damages, was continued by consent.

The case of Justin Adams, larceny from dwelling, change of venue granted to Mississippi county.

Four prisoners are in jail docketed for Jefferson City, viz: James Guy, burglary, three years; Jack Irvin, grand larceny, two years; Wallace Crook, horse stealing, two years, and Beck Crawford, assault to kill, two years. Sheriff Batts has been notified by the authorities at Jefferson City that no prisoners will be received there at present on account of the quarantine against small pox, and they must remain here in jail until the quarantine is raised.

Court adjourned Wednesday forenoon.

It is All Over Now.

Since the adjournment of circuit court our town has assumed her usual quiet and unassuming manner. While it is quite a novelty to the natives of the country towns to visit the county seat, we never try to appear "stuck up" nor dignified, and try to treat our country cousins with all the courtesy possible.

Of course there are always strange and queer things happening when these rural roosters visit here, and one was surprised when a Sikeston business man tried to borrow a gun to go on a deer hunt when he saw the band boys going through the streets with their horns. The Blodgett man who entered the church and asked if he could get dinner, just because the bell had tolled for a marriage ceremony at 9:30 a. m., was also excused. The Oran man who declared his intention to wipe up the earth with a drummer because the said drummer refused to allow him to smoke his pipe, was handed a cigar and everything passed off quietly. The Morley man who undertook to pass a can factory stock certificate for a government bond, caused some little amusement, but the Diehlstadt man, with sand in his hair was more of a curiosity. Commerce people smelted a little "fishy" while a man from the north end brought in "Schmeer Kase" and tried to palm it off for creamery butter.

Where is the Trouble.

Numerous complaints have reached this office from our Sikeston subscribers that they frequently miss an issue of the Newsboy. We are unable to locate the cause. The Sikeston bundle leaves this office all in a lump, and if one paper reaches its destination, they all do. While we do not wish to be understood as saying such is the case in Sikeston, yet it sometimes happens that postmasters lend the paper to the irrepressible borrower who "wouldn't take the dirty thing," and the borrower slips it under his coat and takes it off home for his family to read—thus depriving the man with only one face of the privilege of reading a paper that he pays for and appreciates. One gentleman from down there suggested that we send a few extras each week so as to cover deficiencies, and added: "We have got plenty of meat and bread, but we've got to have the Newsboy in order to keep peace in the family."

The Bleda School House.

Adolph Scherer was in Benton, Monday, on business concerning the Bleda school house. It seems that Ward L. Smith donated the ground upon which the school house is built, but neglected to give a deed. Recently the property was sold to a Mr. Harris. The present location of the school is not a desirable one and, we understand, Mr. Harris offers to donate the ground on some other section of his farm if people will move the building. It is estimated that the cost of moving will be almost as great as the cost of rebuilding, and it is uncertain what the people of the neighborhood will do.

Board of Appeals.

The Board of Appeals met last Monday for the purpose of hearing complaints, if any, regarding the recent action of the Equalization Board. There were very few complaints, and those who did complain were very soon convinced that they had not been imposed upon. With fair and impartial men to conduct the affairs of our county, our people may rest contented.

The Tomlinson House.

Dr. T. E. Tomlinson has taken charge of the hotel heretofore known as the "Magnolia House," in Morley, and the place is now known as the "Tomlinson House." Dr. Tomlinson is both courteous and entertaining and, with the assistance of his estimable wife, will make it pleasant for all who may chance to stop with them.

Kuenz—Bohnsack.

Mr. Frank Kuenz, of St. Louis, and Miss Bertha Bohnsack, sister of Wm. Bohnsack, Jr., of the well known firm of Bohnsack & Stratman at Cape Girardeau, were united in holy wedlock at St. Vincent's church, at the Cape, Tuesday of last week. The Newsboy extends congratulations.

To Our Readers.

Miss Katie Holder, Milliner and Dress Maker, at Oran, wishes to inform the readers of the Newsboy that she can furnish any style of Hat, Bonnet or Dress wanted and at a reasonable price. Call at Mrs. LeGrand's old stand and get prices.

The Benton Public School closed a very successful term Friday last week. Prof. Goodin has accepted a position as clerk in Wm. H. Heisserer's store and will remain here this summer.

Representative DeReign left for Jefferson City, Monday.

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Of Interest to Teachers.

At a meeting of the state superintendent of public schools, and county commissioners at Poplar Bluff last Monday for the purpose of revising the present Institute course of study, the following conclusions were arrived at:

1. Work in the Institute should be pedagogic and not academic.

2. Examinations should be written.

3. One set of outlines for all grades.

4. Outlines for geography should be more practical with actual experiments in nature's study.

5. Questions for examinations should be prepared by the state superintendent.

A Very Large Cistern.

The largest cistern in the county—possibly in Southeast Missouri—is the one at the New Hamburg Creamery. Its width is from fifteen to twenty feet and its depth is from twelve to fourteen feet. Five barrels of cement were used in cementing it.

Champion Binder and Mower.

W. C. Lambert has the agency for the Champion Binder and Mower and requests us to state that all who desire to purchase will do well to apply to him. He declares he handles the best machine on earth, and, being a farmer himself, he ought to know what he is talking about.

WOMAN'S GOSSIP.

—This is the time when the Benton man attempts to train the bucolic cucumber and to promulgate garden sales. He planteth out his garden and by much work and the sweat of his brow he coaxeth the onion and the pumpkin to bloom as the lilies of the valley, but lo, in an hour when he wots not of it, a neighbor's cow, or his hen, breaketh through and devours it. There are other drawbacks to gardening too numerous to mention, and each and all combined make a fellow feel like "swearing off" from the vocation.

—There are some people who will not assist a man in trouble until he admits he brought it on himself, but Ireland, of Commerce, is willing to aid any one who admits he is in search of low prices.

—Yea, verily, girls are of few days and full of mischief and whoever is deceived thereby is not wise. While the fair one chiveth her gum with much vigor, then beware. She cometh forth in the evening with neck and short sleeves, but in the morning she lieth in bed while her mother husheth. She catcheth all winter of the devoted young man's oysters, and partaketh with glee of his sleigh rides, but when the gentle spring time cometh she winketh the other eye and goeth forth with a new beau.—Banner.

—If you put your money in stocks you never know just where you are; but if you put it in Ireland's stockings, you can always find yourself.

—In all the towns where a newspaper is published every man should advertise in it, if nothing more than a card stating his name and his business. It not only pays the advertiser, but it lets the people at a distance know that the town in which you reside is a prosperous community of business men. As the seed is sown, so the seed recompenses. Never pull down your sign if you expect to do business. Advertising rates of the Newsboy are furnished on application to this office or any of its agents.

—A pretty girl in a pointed lace collar is justly the object of admiration. Such adjuncts to beauty can be found at Ireland's.

—The young men who are too old to go to school and too lazy to work, and the dudes who part their hair in the middle and who lie around the street corners Sunday, Monday and every other day in the week, smoking cigarettes while their mothers dig in the garden, are the calamity howlers of the future in this country.—Ex.

—If in need of Furniture it will pay you to visit Robt. B. Heiserer at Commerce. He has just received a nice line of Furniture at the following prices: Suits at \$11.10 to \$20.00. Oak Bed Steads, \$1.50 to \$5.10. Kitchen Sinks, \$2.45 to \$4.75. Chairs, \$2.75 to \$7.00. Come, See and be Convinced.

—The poet wandered through the fields, he thought the birds would sing to him; the balmy air, the rippling rills, were pleasant signs of spring to him—just then a cold wave came along, and didn't do a thing to him!

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—O. C. Burton, of New Hamburg, and Miss Sophia Spalding, of Benton, were married at the former place by Rev. M. Scherer last Monday afternoon. In the evening friends of the newly married couple assembled in the hall and danced until a late hour. Here's hopin'.

—The latest talk is about a boy, of Italy, who has such a remarkable memory that after reading a book he can re-write it from memory. What a pity that a few Scott county people, who forget their promises, cannot have at least a small per cent. of such a faculty.

—Heisserer's store has undergone a new coat of paint this week and adds a great deal to the many improvements now going on in Benton. Mr. Heisserer is a successful advertiser and a thorough business man. Notice his announcement this week.

—Prof. Shield's is a sojourner in Charleston this week. He was employed to lead the brass band down there yesterday at the I. O. O. F. celebration. "Kid" is in the front rank when it comes to "tootin' a cornet."

—There is a certain fellow who doesn't reside a thousand miles from Benton who has become so slender of late that he walks on the sunny side of the street that he may see his shadow and know that he is still on earth.

—Our idea of a professional dead beat and an all-round "good-for-nothing" is represented in the sneak who reads the Newsboy without paying for it. The day of judgment will find him in a warmer clime than this.

—Clark White, of Bertrand, and Miss Tillie White, daughter of Collector White, of Benton, were married at the Methodist church in Benton last Wednesday—Presiding Elder Moore officiating.

—What is it that will cost you next to nothing? A bottle of Sackman's Liver Tonic for 75 cents, that will cure chills, fever and biliousness. It is also a great blood purifier.

—All the Scott county teachers are very busy at present endeavoring to secure schools for the ensuing year. They depend on the old maxim of "the early bird," etc.

—In the bustling town of Oran a girl who is not married by the time she is twenty is considered a hopeless